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The Government is threatening to move in the matter of compelling a settlement in the coal strike unless the operators and the miners get together soon voluntarily for and adjustment of their differences. The Government should have moved to take hold of the situation in the interest of public welfare at the very inception of the strike, and would have done so probably were it not playing politics with the miners on one hand and submitting to the domination of the coal barons on the other. Both Senate and House are full of members largely concerned in the big profits of coal mining as shareholders in the mine operating corporations. We are now getting close up to the time where the welfare of the nation demands an early normal coal production and one side or the other in the strike dispute will have to surrender. If the operators accede finally to the demands of the miners, it will mean that the already overburdened consumer will have the cost of his living increased, for coal enters as an item of cost in pretty near all the things we use. The big profits of the operators will in no great likelihood be disturbed. Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin is often termed a dangerous radical, and perhaps he is to some extent, but at least he would apply some of the knowledge the Government has obtained from its thorough investigations of the cost of coal production in the past in the present situation for the benefit of the general consumer. We await the Government's threat and play in the game with interest.

Senator Reed says that the Republican party is lifting the burden of taxation off the millionaires only. This is the first direct information we have had that our millionaires are buying the railroad tickets, patent medicines, chewing gum, etc., for the people of the country, as well as paying their freight bills, express charges, telegraph tolls and a lot of other things that Senator Reed's party put a tax on and which the Republican party removed as soon as it got a chance. A smart man can talk plumb silly when he is trying to convince the people that he ought to be kept in his public job.

Oh yes, the Harding administration has laid down on the job. At least that is what our Democratic friends claim; but here it comes forward with the pleasing information that while in this alleged state of voluntary inaction it reduced the national debt a billion dollars during the fiscal year ending June 30 and had a surplus on hand on that date, all bills paid, of some three or four hundred million dollars. Now isn't that just too provoking? Why, if the people should keep the "do nothing" old Republican party steadily on the job for the next ten or fifteen years it will clean up the whole Wilsonian administration's war debt in that time.

In its bid for the wet vote by pretending to favor a loosening up of the Volstead Act to the extent of permitting the legal sale of light wines and beers the Democrats are not even acting honestly with the wets, they are simply deceiving the latter. The Democratic party has no thought of going before the country on the issue of nullifying the Eighteenth Amendment. It wants wet votes, dry votes—any votes, in fact, that will get it back into power.

We don't expect the Republicans to pass a perfect tariff bill, but they can't go wrong in putting over something in that line that will knock out the present tariff law. That is the main object.

The contestants for the Democratic Senatorial nomination in Missouri are proving very clearly that neither is fit to be senator.

The Harding administration has gotten rid of about ninety thousand "useless" federal employees, hangovers from the Wilson regime. That looks like the President is doing something besides playing golf and taking the sea breezes from the deck of the Mayflower, as Senator Reed alleges.

A lady's silk nightie made in Europe, costing \$16 to import and sold in New York stores for \$60, was displayed in the Senate the other day during the debate on the tariff. This shows again that the consumer is not benefited by free trade. Give us a tariff on silk nighties.

Had Cox been elected two years ago on the strength of Wilson's policy of internationalism, we would still be issuing bonds to aid European governments, and adding to our national debt instead of reducing it, as we are now doing.

We notice that while our foreign friends are still slow about paying us a little on account, they have plenty of money for keeping up their big armies and getting ready for the next big scrap.

Unemployment has practically disappeared and in most instances wages are 100 percent better than they were previous to the war, thanks to Harding.

Liberty bonds have gone up from 50 cents on the dollar to par and better, but that isn't giving our Democratic friends any joy.

Democratic hopes are falling. It is hard to convince the voters that the party that tried to undo the work of George Washington is safe to tie to.

The H. C. L. affects us all; let everybody strike for more pay.

Henry Ford is running for President on his flivver record.

Buzzo and the League of Nations will never come back.

KEEPS SECRETS FOR SENATE



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Walter A. Johnson, not the baseball pitcher but executive clerk of the United States Senate and custodian of its secret transactions in executive session. Mr. Johnson must be in possession of a great many secrets, as the huge volume of executive proceedings for a single session of the Senate would indicate.

PIRATES ROVE OFF MEXICO

Make War on Ocean Ships for First Time in More Than Hundred Years.

Monterey, Mexico.—For the first time in more than one hundred years piracy is being practiced in the lower Gulf of Mexico bordering the coast of Tabasco and Campeche, according to reports to the Mexican government. It is stated that during the last few days several small steamships, including a coastwise mailboat, have been boarded by pirates and robbed of money and the more valuable parts of the cargo.

Bandits also are roaming part of Tabasco and Campeche in such numbers that farmers have been forced to abandon their crops and flee to towns for safety.

Lot of Twins.

Ashland, O.—Vernon Utz, a Jackson township farmer, residing near Red Haw, has a flock of sheep that promises to be a money maker. During one week, seven of the flock bore 21 sets of twins. Utz is rejoicing because, in addition to the twins, he has counted numerous singles guaranteeing the growth.

PROBATE COURT DOCKET—AUGUST TERM.

Docket of cases in which settlements are due from executors, administrators, guardians and curators at the ensuing term of the Probate Court of Washington County, Missouri, to be held at the Court House in the city of Potosi, Missouri, on the second Monday in August, 1922.

First Day—Monday, August 14th, 1922

ESTATE.	NAME AND OFFICE.	SETTLEMENT
Hays Winemiller, minor.	Ida May Springer, guardian.	Annual
Jessie Grace Axers, minor.	Nellie Packett, guardian.	Annual
J. A. Finson, deceased.	J. E. Finson, administrator.	Final
George Pinson, minor.	T. F. Pinson, guardian.	Annual
Courtland Pinson, minor.	T. F. Pinson, guardian.	Final
Jacob Geekie, deceased.	Annie Geekie, executrix.	Final

Second Day—Tuesday, August 15th, 1922

Loretta M. Boyer, minor.	Roger Portell, guardian.	Annual
Lytle Starkey, minor.	John F. Evans, guardian.	Final
Ellis Grant Huitt, deceased.	Josephine E. Huitt, executrix.	Annual
Job A. Forsee, deceased.	Oscar Forsee, executor.	Annual
Newton J. Thompson deceased.	Martha Thompson, executrix.	Annual
B. Z. Goodson, deceased.	J. H. Goodson, administrator.	Final

Third Day—Wednesday, August 16th, 1922

Elizabeth Jolly, deceased.	J. W. Settle, administrator.	Final
Sarah Thompson, deceased.	Geo. E. Heck, administrator.	Annual
Augusta L. Agnew, minor.	Louis Emling, guardian.	Annual
Thomas B. Henderson, deceased.	Theresa Henderson, executrix.	Annual
Frank A. Martin, minor.	F. M. Deggendorf, guardian.	Final

[NEAL]

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Jacob Geekie, deceased, that I, the undersigned executrix of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Washington County, Missouri, to be begun and helden in the city of Potosi, in said county and state, on the

second Monday in August, 1922.

ANNIE GEEKIE,
Executrix

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Lytle Starkey, minor, that I, the undersigned guardian of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Washington County, Missouri, to be begun and helden in the city of Potosi, in said county and state, on the

second Monday in August, 1922.

JOHN F. EVANS,
Guardian.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of B. Z. Goodson, deceased, that I, the undersigned administrator of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Washington County, Missouri, to be begun and helden in the city of Potosi, in said county and state, on the

second Monday in August, 1922.

JOHN F. EVANS,
Administrator.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Frank A. Martin, minor, that I, the undersigned guardian of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Washington County, Missouri, to be begun and helden in the city of Potosi, in said county and state, on the

second Monday in August, 1922.

J. H. GOODSON,
Administrator.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Frank A. Martin, minor, that I, the undersigned guardian of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Washington County, Missouri, to be begun and helden in the city of Potosi, in said county and state, on the

second Monday in August, 1922.

F. M. DEGGENDORF,
Guardian.

ANCIENT SHOP SOLD

Nothing but Drugs Ever Sold in This London Pharmacy.

Worshipful Company of Apothecaries Disposes of Its Historic Shop in City of London—Established in Seventeenth Century.

London.—The Worshipful Company of Apothecaries has sold its ancient shop to a London firm of druggists.

It has been carried on by this company since early in the seventeenth century and was, as it were, the classic druggist's shop, with its discreet windows of frosted glass, the apothecaries did not display their wares—the shop forms the plain facade behind which is hidden a dim old courtyard and then the hall and other rooms of the society. Almost next door, in Water Lane, was the Blackfriars theater, where Shakespeare and Marlowe played.

The society's prescriptions, formulas and special preparations, many of them centuries old, are taken over by the new owners. The little factory where the society makes drugs wholesale, chiefly of government orders, has not changed hands yet.

The shop is a spacious place lined with shallow-looking old bottles gleaming wanly with gilt and color. You look in vain for patent medicines or any paraphernalia of the modern chemist. It is all drugs and nothing but drugs, and people who come in with prescriptions are usually known and addressed by their names. The shop is leisurely and quiet, as befits its pedigree. Many customers are sorry that the company should be giving up its useful service of selling sound drugs in these days when the city companies rarely still perform their original functions.

In the old days no apothecary could open a shop in the city without a license from the Apothecaries' Hall, nor could he sell drugs that had not been duly tested at the hall.

The old charter gives the company the right to burn unwholesome drugs in front of the offender's door. The company is one of three bodies entitled to grant a medical degree. In the early eighteenth century there was a fierce quarrel between the physicians and the apothecaries over this, and Doctor Garth in his dispensary spoke rudely of the Apothecaries' Hall as the place "where tykes take the freedom out of him."

At this day comes the plaintiff herein, by his attorney, before the clerk of the circuit court in vacation and files his petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that C. E. Bradbury and Eli Overman, mortgagees, and the unknown heirs, consorts, devisees, donees, aliens and remote, voluntary and involuntary grantees of C. E. Bradbury and Eli Overman, mortgagees, defendants herein described, have commenced suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the state of Missouri for back taxes due for the years 1919, 1920 and 1921 on the following real estate belonging to said defendants, to wit:

Tract No. 1. South half and northwest quarter of the south east quarter, and southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-eight (28), township forty (40), range one (1) east, containing 140 acres.

An 1895 tract being in said County of Washington and State of Missouri.

An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill, showing the amount of taxes and costs now due on said real estate, for the years aforementioned, amounting to the sum of \$22.69, is filed with said petition and made a part thereof, and that unless the said defendants be notified of this court at the next term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law, in the Potosi Journal, a weekly newspaper published in said County of Washington and State of Missouri.

[Seal] Joe Cresswell, Clerk.

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, —ss. I, Joe Cresswell, clerk, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy as same appears of record in my office. Given under my hand and seal of office, in Potosi, this 27th day of May, 1922.

[Seal] Joe Cresswell, Clerk.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Washington County Circuit Court, to

August term, 1922, in vacation June 20th,

State of Missouri, County of Washington, —ss. In the Circuit Court of Washington County, to August term, 1922,

State of Missouri, at the vacation and to

the use of George Carr, collector of the revenue of Washington County, in the State of Missouri, plaintiff.

At this day comes the plaintiff herein,

by his attorney, before the clerk of the circuit court in vacation and files his petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that the Farmers Land and Loan Company, a corporation, defendants herein,

are not residents of the state of Missouri. Plaintiff further states that said non-resident and unknown persons interested in the real estate herein described cannot be summoned in this action by the ordinary process of law.

Whereupon it is ordered by the clerk

in vacation that order of publication be

made that said defendants be notified that

plaintiff has commenced suit against them

in this court, the object and general

nature of which is to enforce the lien of

the state of Missouri for back taxes due

for the years 1919, 1920 and 1921 on the

following real estate belonging to said de-

fendants, to wit:

Tract No. 1. Northwest quarter of the

southwest quarter of section thirty-nine (39), township thirty-seven (37), north

range two (2) east, containing 40 acres,

lying and being in mid County of Wash-